

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA BRANCH
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE
UNITED STATES COURTS IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

June 17, 2004

The annual meeting of the Southern District of Iowa Branch of the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit was held on Thursday, June 17, 2004, at the United States District Courthouse Annex in Des Moines, Iowa. Present were President F. Richard Lyford, Vice-President Russell Lovell, Treasurer Nancy Adams, Secretary Helen C. Adams, Judge Harold Vietor, Judge Charles Wolle, Judge James Gritzner, Magistrate Judges Ross Walters, Marc Harding, former President and District Historian, Richard Peterson, Susan Kern, U.S. Clerk's Office and guests from the American Judicature Society.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved. As of June 17, 2004, the Treasury has a balance of \$7,395.81, an increase from the proceeding year. Judge Longstaff previously had approved the transfer of \$3000 of the district's admission fund to the historical society and that transfer was reflected in the Treasurer's report.

Magistrate Richard Peterson gave the Historian's report as the historian for the Southern District of Iowa. He presented certain materials for the archives.

President Lyford reported on the activities of the Branch. President Lyford reported that Marc Harding had completed the videotaping of the retirement video of Judges Hill and Stageman. A general discussion was held regarding which retirement videos had been made and which still needed to be made and it was suggested that Magistrate Judge Peterson's video be completed next. President Lyford also reported that a display of the 2004 Polk County Bar Law Day poetry and art work would be made at the courthouse in the display cases available there. President Lyford also reported that a number of the 8th Circuit Courthouse sketches had been sold but that we still had a supply available for sale. President Lyford also indicated that he was working with Judge Hill to get his portrait completed for presentation in the courthouse.

The elections of officers was then held. The officers for next year are:

President	F. Richard Lyford
Vice President	Russell Lovell
Secretary	Helen C. Adams
Treasurer	Nancy Adams

Vice-President Russell Lovell reported on the activities of the Constitutional Law Center at Drake and introduced his guests from the American Judicature Society.

The meeting was adjourned.



Helen C. Adams, Secretary